## APPENDIX B

## STANDARD LANDLORD/TENANT PETITION

Landlord/Tenant Petition, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1K-11.9, Requesting the Department of Environmental Protection to First Compel the Other Responsible Person to Comply With the Industrial Site Recovery Act ("ISRA") Based Upon the Parties' Prior Agreement Pursuant to Their Lease.

Both the owner and operator of an industrial establishment are responsible for remediation of any industrial establishment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq. However, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1K-11.9, where owner is the Landlord and operator is the Tenant and there has been a failure to comply with ISRA, either of those parties may petition the Department of Environmental Protection to request that the Department first compel the other party to comply with ISRA pursuant to a clearly articulated Lease between the parties concerning the subject industrial establishment. This Petition follows:

## **PETITION**

["Name of Landlord or Tenant"] is the [Landlord or Tenant] for ISRA Case No. [ ] pursuant to a Lease entered into on [Date] with [Name of Landlord or Tenant], [Landlord or Tenant].

[Name of Landlord or Tenant] states that it desires the Department to exercise its discretion to first require [Name of Landlord or Tenant], who is the [Landlord or Tenant], to comply with ISRA with respect to the following property [Lot(s)/Block(s) and Leasehold unit number] the ("industrial establishment").

[Name of Landlord or Tenant] desires that if the Department is satisfied that the Lease clearly reflects an agreement by the parties to the Lease that [Name of Landlord or Tenant] is to

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be responsible for the ISRA obligations, the Department will agree to first pursue [Landlord/Tenant] to compel compliance with ISRA.

Attached for the Department's review are the following documents in support of this Petition

- 1. Landlord's and Tenant's full names and current addresses:
- 2. A true and correct copy of the fully executed and dated subject Lease, together with any and all Addenda and Riders to that Lease;
  - 3. A copy of the General Information Notice for the ISRA case referenced above;
- 4. True and correct copies of any and all contracts, agreements, orders and remediation agreements which [Name of Landlord or Tenant] believes may affect the interpretation of the subject lease and the parties' respective responsibilities and remediation obligations pursuant to ISRA and that Lease;
- 5. A narrative, which identifies, in [Name of Landlord or Tenant's] view, the pertinent sections in the lease, and interpretation of the those sections;
- 6. A separate, notarized Affidavit, executed by [Name of Landlord or Tenant], that articulates all relevant facts which, in [Name of Landlord's or Tenant's] view, support and explain any non-compliance with ISRA and the Lease;
- 7. Copies of any pleadings and discovery documents generated in any lawsuit involving the subject industrial establishment and/or the subject Lease;
- 8. Copies of any writings issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, to either ISRA responsible party or to any ISRA agent, concerning the subject Lease or

the subject industrial establishment and the respective responsibilities of each such party concerning this ISRA transaction; and

9. Any other documents which [Name of Landlord or Tenant] believes may assist the Department in its determination.

Within thirty (30) calendar days after the Department determines that it has received a complete Petition, the Department will advise all parties to the lease of its determination as to whether the Lease is clear in identifying [Name of Landlord or Tenant] as responsible for complying with ISRA under the Lease. [Name of Landlord or Tenant] understands that the Department may require further information, clarification or additional documentation in order to complete this Petition.

The information contained within this Petition, including any documents submitted to the Department in support of this Petition, is complete and accurate to the best of [Name of Landlord or Tenant's] knowledge, information and belief, and, by executing this Petition below, [Name of Landlord or Tenant] hereby certifies to its completeness and accuracy, and also, that [Name of Landlord or Tenant] will notify the Department immediately should new or additional information come to light which may have a bearing upon interpretations of the subject Lease, or the parties' respective ISRA responsibilities, under the lease.

| Dated: |                      |  |  |
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|        | [Landlord or Tenant] |  |  |
|        | For ISRA Case No.    |  |  |
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| Print Full Name Signed Above |  |  |  |  |
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